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Applicant(s): Gao, et al.	Group Art Unit: 2641
Application Serial No.: 09/783,822	Examiner: Unknown
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Title: Selection of Coding Parameters Based on Spectral Content of a Speech Signal	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please enter and consider this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the above-referenced application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 24, 27 and 28 as follows: